

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

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FILING DATE:

May 31, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 1712

TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastromeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing EXAMINER: Tucker, Phillip C.

Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 15564-1

Composition

MAIL STOP: NON-FEE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. Box 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

- 1. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to
 - [X] the Office Action dated April 24, 2003.
 - [] other
- 2. Applicant is
 - [] a large entity.
 - [X] a small entity. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.
- 3. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee- small entity
[X] one month [] two months [] three months [] four months [] five months	\$ 110.00 \$ 390.00 \$ 890.00 \$1,390.00 \$1,890.00	\$ 55.00 \$ 195.00 \$ 445.00 \$ 695.00 \$ 945.00

Fee: \$55.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition	1 therefor.
[] An extension for months has already been secured and the fee property is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now	
Extension fee due with this request \$_55.00	
OR	
(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.	
4. Fee Payment	
[X] Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 55.00.	
[] Charge Account No the sum of \$	
5. Fee Deficiency	
[X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 1	<u>11-0245</u> .
Dated: August 22, 2003 Russel O. Primeaux (PTO Reg. No. 3)	
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